

SCANDAL BREWING IN HALL MYSTERY; BETRAYAL OF STATE'S CASE HINTED

Prosecutor Says Defense Is Aware Of Secret Moves

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SOMERVILLE, N. J., Oct. 8.—That super-showman of prosecutors, State Senator Alexander W. Simpson, either has inserted another act of high powered publicity grabbing in the Hall-Mills case or he has partially revealed a scandal within his own ranks which bids fair to rock the state.

"I am informed by a high authority that everything done by the investigators at Somerville," Simpson told reporters in Jersey City last night, "is known to the defense. Fortunately for the state, there are other investigators in this case, and their work is not known in Somerville."

Amazing Statement

Reporters, accustomed as they are to Simpson's sweeping charges of corruption on the part of officials in the 1922 investigation and his accusations of bribe passing by the defense, were stunned by the special prosecutor's statement.

They said as much, and told Simpson that they took his statement to mean that the Jersey City detectives in Somerville, one or more of them, had sold out to counsel for Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall, Willie and Henry Stevens, her brothers, and Henry de la B. Carpenter, their cousin. These four have been indicted for the murders four years ago of the Rev. Edward W. Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Mills.

Prosecutor Stands Pat

To the queries of newspaper men the special prosecutor did not deny that he was attacking his own investigators. "That's my statement. I have no other comment. It stands," was all he would say.



Alex W. Simpson



T. N. Pfeiffer

No comment from Inspector John J. Underwood, who is in charge of detectives here, or from any of his men on the senator's statement has as yet been obtained.

Police Commissioner Beggans of Jersey City, the detective's superior, when informed of Simpson's statement, said: "I have implicit faith in my men, and to think that they are carrying on the investigation in any other way than honestly is absurd. I have no comment to make on the way Simpson is carrying it on. It is entirely up to him."

No Comment From Governor

John Farrell, executive clerk, speaking for Gov. Moore, declared: "This case and the investigation are not to be tried in the newspapers. There is a legal method through which that sort of thing ought to go. Until that is done there will be no comment from here."

Just what explanation of his statement Simpson will make today is problematical. He must say something or leave the suggestion of suspicion against his own investigators and in that case make their retention on the case appear foolish.

The detectives who have been

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Baby Pulls at Heartstrings



LITTLE MARIAN RALPH (above), placed in an institution by the father, who is separated from his wife, is the object of a persistent legal fight on the part of the mother, Mrs. Bessie Ralph.

3 Badly Beaten, 4 Arrested In Cleaners' Strike Clash

A battle between striking window cleaners and independent workers resulted today in arrest of four men and serious injury to three others.

Cop Saves Girl As Auto Sheiks Try Kidnaping

Saved by the timely arrival of a detective, pretty Jennie Barbara, 18, a Corona, L. I., dressmaker, will appear today in Jamaica Court to press a charge of kidnaping against two men who last night threw her into an auto, bound and gagged her.

The prisoners are Antonio Ullo, 21, a tailor, of 2639 98th St., Corona, and Belintende Francisco, 20, an electrician, of 343 East 9th St., Manhattan.

Jennie was walking to her home at 3146 45th St. when she saw a car parked at the corner of Burnside Avenue. As she drew near, two men jumped out and grabbed her. One stuffed a gag in her mouth, the other wrapped a blanket about her head. Struggling, the girl was lifted into the machine.

Detective Farendia saw the kidnaping and covered the men.

To Deputy Chief Inspector Kelly Jennie declared she had never seen either man before, but Ullo said he had known her three years and wanted her for his wife.

The prisoners are Nicholas Krasulsky, 26, of 303 East 83d St.; Alexander Ledonowich, 29, of 335 East 55th St.; Charles Nitka, 28, of 404 East 70th St., and William Gillaner, 25, of 115 Ridge St., all Manhattanites.

According to the police, the four, with as many others, all strikers, arrived in two automobiles in front of 401 Fulton St., Brooklyn, where Edward Benson, 27, of 342 State St., employed by the Home Window Cleaning Company, which maintains an open shop, was engaged in cleaning the windows of the American Sporting Goods Store.

Kick Away Ladder

One of the strikers kicked the ladder on which Benson was standing and he plunged to the sidewalk. Then they hurled him through a plate glass window, it is alleged.

Hugh Schwartz, president of the company, and Samuel Gottlieb, the secretary, who had been seated in another auto parked at the curb, ran to Benson's assistance.

Gang Draws Knives

At their approach the attacking party is alleged to have drawn knives. Gottlieb was stabbed in the left hand and Schwartz was kicked about the head and body.

Arrival of the police gangster's squad ended the battle. Four of the strikers escaped, but their companions were taken into custody and will be arraigned later on charges of assault and disorderly conduct in Adams Street court.

Jersey in Feverish Gamble Over Hall-Mills Verdicts; Willie Stevens 10-1 Shot

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SOMERVILLE, N. J., Oct. 8.—With the approach of the Hall-Mills murder trials, this town and New Brunswick, noted for their indifference to Dempsey-Tunney speculation and World's Series betting, are feverishly enmeshed in a new gambling craze.

Mother Planning To Keep Up Fight For Baby Marian

Defeated in her attempt in New Jersey to obtain the custody of her 4-year-old daughter, now in an institution, Mrs. Bessie Ralph, whose marital tangles have troubled the courts for months, has brought her case to New York.

The mother instincts of the beautiful blonde who was wooed and won in the romantic land of Evangeline (Nova Scotia) cannot resist the clutches of two baby hands at her heartstrings.

Through habeas corpus proceedings, she asked New Jersey to give her child, Marian, back to her. But John Ralph, her husband, in whose nominal custody the little once was, lives in Brooklyn. Any action that would change the girl's status must come from New York, it was decided yesterday.

N. Y. Authoress Held as Passer of \$75 Fake Check

COLUMBUS, O., Oct. 8.—(By U. P.)—A woman claiming to be Mrs. Elizabeth Murray, 26, of New York, prominent women's worker, author and lecturer, confessed today, police said, to passing bogus checks in half a dozen cities.

The woman will be taken to Marion to answer charges of passing a worthless check for \$75, after she had failed to obtain a donation from Dr. George T. Harding, father of President Harding, for the Woman's History Foundation.

In the alleged confession, police said, she admitted she had issued bogus checks in Cleveland, Chicago, Buffalo and Tampa, totaling more than \$1,000.

Mrs. Elizabeth Murray is the daughter of a former United States senator and former wife of a Chicago judge.

Residents are wagering their money on the fate of Mrs. Frances Hall, Willie Stevens, Henry de la B. Carpenter and Henry Stevens when the four defendants face a jury next month.

New Brunswick, habitat of the Hall and Stevens clans for generations, is rabidly pro-Hall. A word in favor of the prosecution is lese majeste in the eyes of residents.

Willie Long Shot to Escape
In Somerville and adjoining towns, however, are many who favor Senator Simpson's chances of obtaining at least one conviction, merely as a sound gambling proposition.

Last night Willie Stevens was a 10-1 bet in New Brunswick future books to escape conviction. His mental deficiency, bettors declare, will influence the jury.

Henry Carpenter, Mrs. Hall's cousin, is listed as a 4-1 shot to escape with conviction in a slight degree. Carpenter is held at 2-1 for complete acquittal.

Strangely enough, Mrs. Hall and



Mrs. F. Hall

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Find Lost Brother On Way to Gallows

SAN QUENTIN, CAL., Oct. 8 (By U. P.)—The gallows today will rob two sisters and a brother of Alfonse Rincon of the rewards of a fifteen year search.

Alfonse left home fifteen years ago. Fred Rincon and two sisters vainly sought him. A recent newspaper account of an approaching double execution gave them a clue. They came to the state prison here yesterday and there was a tearful reunion.

Rincon and Willie Adams will hang today for killing T. K. Uhlman to rob him of \$6.

Buckner Flays Steuer Before Graft Case Jury

A fiery denunciation of counsel for Harry M. Daugherty, former attorney general, and Col. Thomas W. Miller, former alien property custodian, on trial for conspiracy, was made today by United States Attorney Emory R. Buckner. Buckner was summing up his case shortly before it was to be given to the jury.

Buckner was especially bitter toward Max D. Steuer, who yesterday consumed five hours in summation. He declared that the character of a lawyer, John Foster Dulles, had been wantonly blackened, and added:—

"There is no excuse for misquoted testimony. Is there no limit to which Steuer would go to free Daugherty?"

He referred to a "synthetic defense used in place of witnesses."

Although not mentioning the

name of Richard Merton, German capitalist, who secured the return of \$7,000,000 in assets of the American Metal Co., from the alien property custodian, and later a government witness, Buckner said that his testimony in regard to oral stock transactions was not true.

He also asserted that no claim would be rushed through the offices by a subordinate unless that man "was told by his boss he was thoroughly acquainted with the case and to hurry it along."